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PREVIOUSLY IN NEW AVENGERS

BLACK SWAN. I'M TOLD YOU JUMPED HERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD...THAT YOU HAD SOME KIND OF DEVICE, AND THEN YOU DESTROYED THE PLANET YOU CAME FROM.

THE TURN OF THE WHEEL BREAKS HOPE--IT CRUSHES WHAT MAKES US DECENT AND STEALS WHAT LITTLE HONOR REMAINS.

WE WILL TRY EVERY GOOD AND RIGHTEOUS SOLUTION WE CAN.

"AND IF THOSE DON'T WORK?"

"THEN WE WILL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO DESTROY A WORLD."

YOU CAN PREDICT WHEN AN INCURSION WILL OCCUR?

YES.

HOW LONG UNTIL THE NEXT ONE?

MINUTES. SO YOU'RE FINALLY READY TO HEAR REAL ANSWERS...

IT'S...OH, NO.

THE LOCATION...

LATVERIA

IT'S LATVERIA.

THE ILLUMINATI

BLACK BOLT
Celestial Messiah

NAMOR
Imperius Rex

REED RICHARDS
Universal Builder

IRON MAN
Master of Machines

BEAST
Mutant Genius

DOCTOR STRANGE
Sorcerer Supreme

BLACK PANTHER
King of the Dead

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NECROPOLIS.
7:29:43 UNTIL OBLIVION.

YOU UNDERSTAND HOW THIS IS GOING TO WORK?

OF COURSE.

JUST FOR MY PEACE OF MIND...

I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOU SAY IT.

VERY WELL.

I AM TO OBSERVE, AND WHEN NEEDED--AND ASKED--OFFER INFORMATION THAT YOU...*GREAT MEN* CAN FIND USEFUL.

AND WHILE IT HAS REMAINED UNMENTIONED IN THIS CONVERSATION, IF I FAIL TO ACT PROPERLY, I AM CERTAIN YOUR KING OF THE DEAD WILL WELCOME ME INTO HIS KINGDOM OF DUST.

RABUM ALAL, NADANU ANNU AMELSERRU LIBBU.

JUST SO LONG AS WE'RE CLEAR.

TELL ME, ANTHONY STARK...DOES MY SUBSERVIENCE MAKE YOU FEEL POWERFUL?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HOW I FEEL, WORRY ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING...

TO THAT END, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO SEE BEFORE WE LEAVE.

WE'VE BUILT SOMETHING OF YOURS...

AND WE NEED TO KNOW IF WE'VE DONE IT CORRECTLY.

MUCH OF THIS WAS SIMPLE DEDUCTION--WE REVERSE ENGINEERED THE TRIGGER AND WENT FROM THERE.

IT'S FUNCTIONAL. WE'RE SURE IT WORKS...

BUT THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU GET TO BETA TEST.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

YES. IT'S AN ANTIMATTER INJECTION SYSTEM MEANT TO DESTROY A WORLD.

IT'S HOPE.

A GIFT FROM RABUM ALAL...AND NOW YOU CAN ENTER THE GREAT STRUGGLE ARMED.

I AM VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU.

I'M SORRY, BUT I THINK YOU'VE MADE THE COMMON MISTAKE OF CONFUSING EXPEDIENCY WITH DESIRE.

NEEDS AND WANTS, AS IT WERE.

YES.

LIKE THESE FOOLS HERE ***NEED*** TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SAVE THEIR WORLD, BUT ***WANT*** TO STILL FEEL LIKE HEROES WHEN THEY WAKE IN THE MORNING.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

ARE WE TAKING THE DEVICE?

DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE?

GOOD. THE WHEEL GRINDS MEN DOWN OR SHARPENS THEM INTO WEAPONS.

YOU'VE BUILT A KNIFE...

"NOW YOU HAVE TO FIND THE COURAGE TO GET IT BLOODY."

LATVERIA.

THE INCURSION WALL IS TWENTY LENGTHS IN FRONT OF US.

SO...CASTLE DOOM, THE END OF THE WORLD... AND VICTOR.

PERFECT.

LET'S GO.

STRANGE.
WELL, STRANGER. IT'S THE SKY...
NO. NO. NO. NO.
IT'S BLUE.

BLUE. BLUE AND NOT RED.

BLUE IS...MUCH WORSE.

BLUE MEANS *SIDERA MARIS.*

BLUE FOR MAKING MAPS...

CATALOGING FOR FUTU--

IT'S OKAY. WE STILL HAVE TIME...

JUST EXPLAIN WHAT THIS MEANS.

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NO.

THERE'S NO TIME...

BLUE MEANS *MAPMAKERS.*

AN INVADING ARMY FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

THIS KEEPS GETTING WORSE.

ACTUALLY, THIS WAS INEVITABLE.

UH-HUH. AT SOME POINT, SOMEONE WAS BOUND TO TRY TO DO TO US WHAT WE'RE CONSIDERING DOING TO THEM.

HAVE I TOLD THE TWO OF YOU HOW MUCH I'M ENJOYING YOUR COMPANY OF LATE?

THERE, TONY.

THE HIGHEST TOWER...IS THAT--

SCANNING NOW.

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GIVING THEM ALL THEY CAN...

WAIT. THAT'S NOT DOOM.

IT'S HIS SON, KRISTOFF VERNARD.

AR

THEN WHERE IS VICTOR...

"WHERE IS DOCTOR DOOM?"

YOU DARE...?

OF ALL THE PLACES IN ALL THE WORLDS, YOU CHOOSE TO ACCOST *DOOM* IN HIS OWN HOME...*YOU DARE?*

FOOLS!

THE VERY WORST OF MEN KNOW BETTER...

GODS KNOW BETTER.

WHO IS BEHIND SUCH FOLLY?

SIDERA MARIS.

DOOM JUST SHOWED UP.

TELEPORTED TO THE TOWER...

HE AND KRISTOFF SEEM TO BE HOLDING THEM FOR NOW.

GOOD.

NO... I THINK NOT.

DOOM IS NOW WITNESSING AN INCURSION. LONG BEFORE THE REST OF THE WORLD, THROUGH BOTH MAGIC AND SCIENCE, LATVERIA HAS LONG BEEN A SURVEILLANCE STATE...

HE'LL HAVE A RECORD OF US BEING HERE. HE'LL HAVE A RECORD OF...*ALL THIS.*

COULD BE PROBLEMATIC SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

THE FUTURE, YOU SAY?

RIGHT. GOOD POINT.

HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?

AREN'T YOU LISTENING? NO TIME.

YOU HAVE *NO TIME.*

REALLY? CLOCK SAYS WE HAVE A LITTLE OVER SEVEN HOURS.

PLENTY OF TIME TO DECIDE WHAT AWFUL THINGS NEED TO BE DONE, AND THE HANDWRINGING AND SELF-RECRIMINATION SURE TO FOLLOW.

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FOOLS!
CAN YOU NOT SEE THE SKY IS BLUE?
RED MEANS ORDER. RED MEANS THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF RABUM ALAL.
BUT BLUE-- BLUE IS AN ABOMINATION. IT MEANS CHAOS... *INFECTION.*
BLUE MEANS MAPMAKERS, AND THEY DO NOT USE INCURSIONS THE WAY THEY WERE INTENDED.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
I WILL SHOW YOU.
BRING THE BOMB.
SEE...

THIS IS NOT AN EARTH... IT IS SOME DEAD OTHER THING.

IT USED TO BE EARTH. IT WAS EARTH...

BEFORE THE MAPMAKERS.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING LIVING HERE.

YOU'RE NOT PICKING UP ANY LIFE...NOTHING AT ALL?

NO...

MINOR ACTIVITY IN THE CORE, BUT THAT'S IT.

THEY DEVOUR EVERYTHING ON THE PLANET. THEY HARVEST IT...

THEY SUCK THE LIFE FROM EARTH AND LEAVE JUST ENOUGH OF ITS HEART BEHIND AS FUEL FOR WHEN THEY DETONATE THE WORLD.

THEY'RE GOING TO BLOW UP THE PLANET?

"IT'S HOW THE MAPMAKERS MARK NEW TERRITORY.

"THEY WAIT FOR AN INCURSION BETWEEN UNIVERSES, WHEN ONE EARTH TOUCHES ANOTHER.

"THEN THE SIDERA MARIS THEY LEFT BEHIND, THEIR BRIDGE BUILDERS, HOLD THE INCURSION POINT ON THE NEW EARTH.

"THE DEAD WORLD THEY CAME FROM IS INTENTIONALLY DESTABILIZED. AND WHEN AN INCURSION OCCURS...A PIECE OF THE DEAD WORLD IS PULLED FREE...

"CRASHING DOWN TO THE OTHER EARTH. THIS SERVES AS THE TRIGGER FOR THE DETONATION OF THE DEAD WORLD.

"CAUSING IT TO IGNITE WHAT REMAINS OF THE CORE AND DESTROYING THE PLANET.

"THIS WOULD SEEM TO MEAN THE NEW EARTH IS SAVED...

"BUT THE FRAGMENTS OF THE DEAD WORLD ACTUALLY SERVE AS A MARKER.

"AND THEN THE MAPMAKERS COME, HOMING IN ON THOSE MARKERS...NO MATTER HOW LITTLE OF THE REMAINS THERE ARE."

THEY EVOLVED IN THE MULTIVERSE AND MOVE BETWEEN UNIVERSES AT WILL...THEIR DEAD WORLDS FINDING HEALTHY NEW WORLDS TO BE DEVOURED.

THEY MAKE MAPS...AND ROB THE WHEEL OF THOSE THAT WOULD BE TESTED BY IT.

MICROSCOPIC SCAN SHOWS NO ACTIVITY. SUBATOMIC SHOWS A CHANGE STATE...DECAY.

AND THE AURA HERE IS REVEALING...THE LITTLE THAT IS NOT DEAD IS DYING.

THERE TRULY IS NOTHING HERE.

SO THEN WE DO WHAT WE MUST DO...AND ALL OF YOU CAN SLEEP WELL, FOR YOU WILL HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG.

IS IT THAT SIMPLE? CAN IT BE THAT SIMPLE?

HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?

THE WORLD WILL FRAGMENT AROUND AN HOUR INTO AN INCURSION.

SO WE HAVE NO TIME.

...SHOULD WE VOTE?

WHY?

WHY LINGER WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT HAS TO BE DONE?

EVERYTHING DIES.

EMPIRES COLLAPSE. KINGS FALL. AND MEN PERISH.

WORLDS END.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

I'M NOT WAITING...

...I'M REMEMBERING WHO I USED TO BE.

CLICK!

IT WAS AN AVENGERS WORLD.

IT WAS THE FIRST OF MANY.

AND NOW YOU ARE A MAN.

MAY YOUR BROTHERS FIND THE WILL TO JOIN YOU SOON.

I TAKE NO PRIDE IN THIS...IN ANY OF IT.

"WHAT WE HAVE DONE HERE TODAY...

"THE ACTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN...

"I BELIEVE THEY WILL HAUNT US UNTIL THE END OF OUR DAYS."

LATER.

SO... BACK IN THE BOX?

WE DID EVENTUALLY VOTE ON ONE THING...

I WAS OUTVOTED.

SOME OTHER TIME, PERHAPS.

YOU SAVED US TODAY.

NO. YOU SAVED YOURSELVES.

REGARDLESS... WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, DO THAT ENOUGH AND IT WILL BECOME ALL THAT MATTERS.

I SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING... IT'S MY GIFT.

THE OTHERS WILL COME AROUND...COME TO SEE THE SITUATION AS I DO.

THEY'LL UNDERSTAND...

WE NEED YOU.

I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF MY MIND.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

DO YOU MISS YOUR MASTER GALAKTUS?

I DO NOT.

I SEE...

BUT DO YOU MISS FINDING WORLDS TO DESTROY?

MORE THAN ANYTHING.

A DAY IS COMING.

SOON, I THINK...

WE CAN FIND EACH OTHER...

USEFUL.

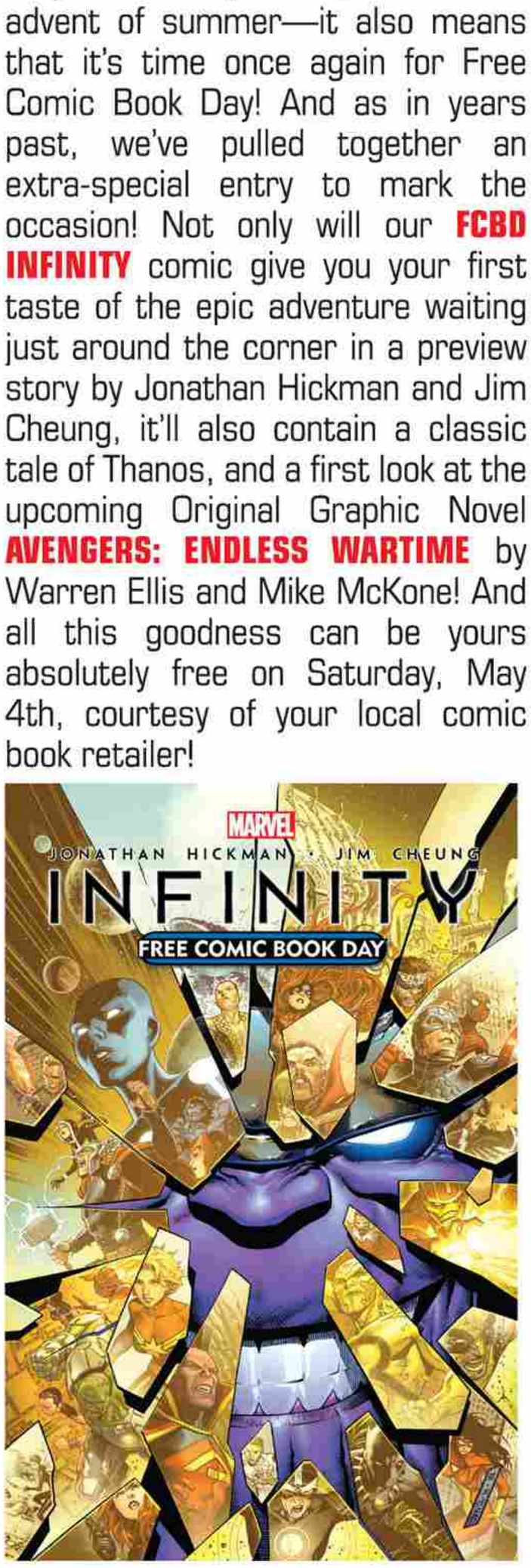
EPILOGUE.
LATVERIA.

FATHER...
WE HAVE SOMETHING.
AN ARTIFACT FROM THE EVENT.
IT WAS FOUND OUTSIDE THE CASTLE...
THEY SAID IT FELL FROM THE SKY.
NEW AVENGERS

THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

May doesn't just represent the advent of summer—it also means that it's time once again for Free Comic Book Day! And as in years past, we've pulled together an extra-special entry to mark the occasion! Not only will our **FCBD INFINITY** comic give you your first taste of the epic adventure waiting just around the corner in a preview story by Jonathan Hickman and Jim Cheung, it'll also contain a classic tale of Thanos, and a first look at the upcoming Original Graphic Novel **AVENGERS: ENDLESS WARTIME** by Warren Ellis and Mike McKone! And all this goodness can be yours absolutely free on Saturday, May 4th, courtesy of your local comic book retailer!



If you haven't been following the excellent **CAPTAIN MARVEL** series written by Kelly Sue DeConnick, now would be a good time to start! And to motivate you, we're kicking off a little micro-event between that title and KS's other ongoing book, **AVENGERS ASSEMBLE**! It all begins this month in the pages of the special introductory one-shot **AVENGERS: THE ENEMY WITHIN**, as the medical condition that's caused Carol Danvers to be grounded grows worse—and menaces from her and the Avengers' pasts begin to appear from out of nowhere! What's behind it? Check out **AVENGERS: THE ENEMY WITHIN #1** for your first clue—and then follow the story into AVENGERS ASSEMBLE and CAPTAIN MARVEL next month!

MARVEL'S AVENGERS ASSEMBLE takes the adventures of your favorite Super Heroes from the big screen to YOUR screen this summer! Let's do a headcount: Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Hawkeye, Falcon, Black Widow… and of course… they have a Hulk! Together, they'll face an evil team-up featuring some of the biggest villains in the Marvel Universe: Red Skull, M.O.D.O.K., Dr. Doom, Loki and even Dracula! Assemble your team for the series premiere May 26 at 11am ET/10am CT on Disney XD.

And, alas, it's time for the Epic Fail of the Month:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I recently had the pleasure of reading issue #1 of the NEW AVENGERS. But as an Assyriologist, I would like to lodge a protest against the flippantly incorrect references to and use of the Akkadian and Sumerian languages.

In contrast to the Black Panther's statement, the language is neither Sumerian nor high, but rather obviously Akkadian. The entries seem to be taken directly from a poorly-wrought English-Akkadian word list. Even worse, they were not inflected or brought into any even vaguely suitable grammatical form, on the level of "People called Romans they go the house."

While your work is, as always, of the highest quality, such inaccuracies do a great disservice to both your buying public and to one of the oldest civilizations known to mankind. Had the Sumerians shown the same level of sloppiness when they invented writing, we would never have gotten this show off the ground.

With kind regards,
Christian W. Hess
Universität Leipzig

Seems like there's only one thing we can say in our defense, Christian: Banana ragtime muffin shock!

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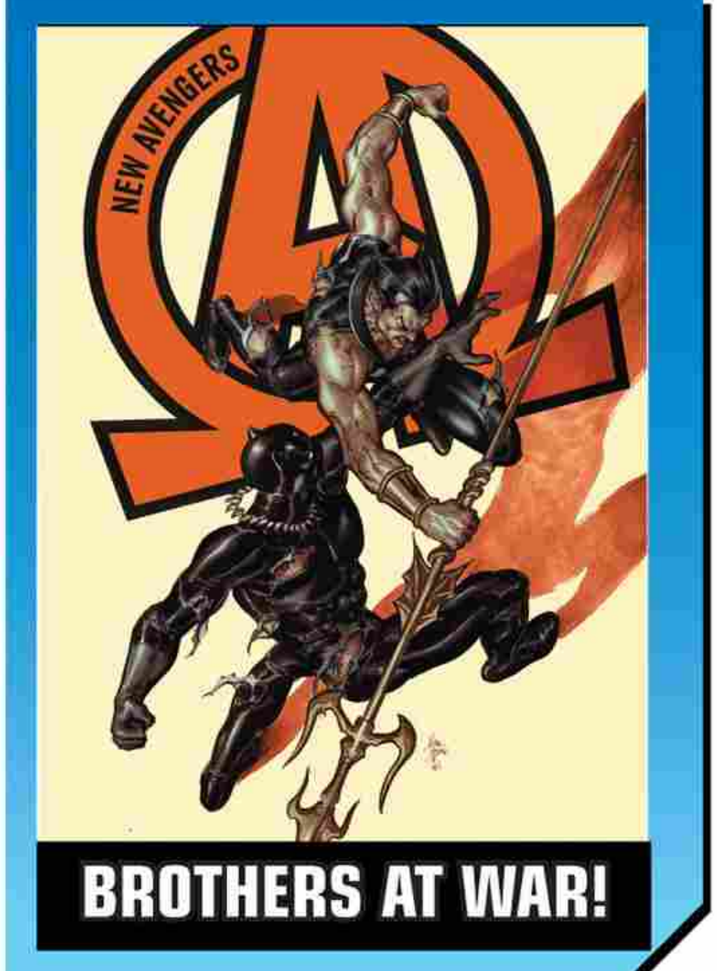

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